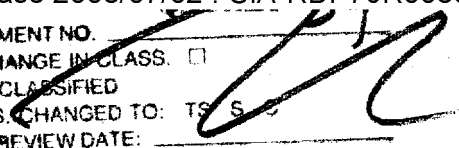
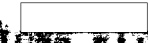
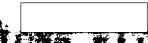


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- I. Prospect of Japan's resumption diplomatic relations with USSR in near future is adding strength to Japanese trend toward "normalization" of relations with Communist China.
 - A. Foreign Minister Shigemitsu, while calling this strengthening trend the "most dangerous consequence" of Kono's recent Moscow fisheries agreement, considers "normalization" with Peiping only a "question of time".
 - B. Long-unrecognized Soviet "mission" in Tokyo has now been accepted as "official" body by Japanese so far as fishing matters are concerned, and negotiations with USSR on formal diplomatic relations are scheduled to resume by 31 July.
- II. Quasi-official postal agreement with Peiping already concluded and exchange of unofficial trade representatives is expected next step.
 - A. Japanese, fearful of delay in building trade relations with Peiping, plan to exhibit "embargoed" goods at Chinese trade fairs, seek reduction of CHINCOM controls and make increased use of "exceptions".
- III. Domestic political considerations also involved. Hatoyama group, hoping to stay in saddle, is eager to make good on campaign promise to "normalize" relations with Bloc, hopes to increase domestic prestige through such diplomatic "triumphs".
 - A. Within ruling Liberal-Democratic Party, only weak Yoshida group really opposes trend.
 - B. Following Upper House elections (possibly in July), Hatoyama group plans cabinet reshuffle (including ouster of Shigemitsu)